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**Office of the Attorney General**  
**Washington, D. C. 20530**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: The President**

**FROM: The Attorney General**

I recently approved a major reorganization of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Domestic Regional Offices. The reorganization tailors DEA to meet changing drug trafficking patterns and returns a considerable number of Special Agent supervisory and managerial personnel to line positions. I view this restructuring as a major accomplishment in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of DEA resources, in time, providing 100 more Agents for criminal investigations.

The reorganization will consolidate the current DEA 12-region structure into five regions located in New York, Miami, Chicago, Dallas, and Los Angeles. The other seven regions where DEA now maintains regional offices - Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, New Orleans, Kansas City, Denver, and Seattle, will be retained as large District Offices with increased criminal investigative personnel and reduced managerial and administrative support personnel.

The new structure will improve the distribution of Agent personnel and workload among regions, improve jurisdiction over the Mexican and Canadian borders, provide increased consistency in regional policy interpretation and application, improve criminal investigator supervisory ratios and reduce middle management layering.

The reorganization will become effective October 1978 with physical moves scheduled during the summer months to accommodate family and school considerations. All employees whose positions are being abolished will be made a first offer of employment which will protect their current salary and grade.

Administrator Bensinger has briefed the major city chiefs of police whose jurisdictions are affected as well as appropriate Congressional members. The Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Drug Abuse Policy have been provided the details of this reorganization scheduled to be announced on Friday, February 10.